CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Descriptive note:	None
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Summary of reasons for decision:

The image depicts a female displaying her genitals to the camera. The Classification Office has considered whether the subject is a young person. Her age is ambiguous and while there are aspects of her appearance that are youthful, she could easily be a young adult. As such she cannot unequivocally be said to be a young person. However, the unrestricted availability of the image is still likely to be injurious to the public good. There is a common social consensus across many countries that explicit sexual material should be limited to adults because of the potential for harm to developing sexual attitudes and behaviours of young people from premature exposure to such material. The image is therefore restricted to adults. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is reasonable and justified in order to prevent injury to the public good.